

universal appeal. His pastorals, such as "World Peace" and "A Call for One Another" demonstrate this. Bishop Pilla has been outstanding as a unifying force in the Cleveland community.

I feel blessed to consider Bishop Pilla as one of my personal friends. I have had the opportunity to work with him on a variety of issues for the benefit of the people of Cleveland. Both as a community leader and as a friend, Bishop Pilla has always shown the utmost integrity and honesty. In his work and his life he has shown the highest order of caring for others.

My fellow colleagues, today I speak in recognition of the twentieth anniversary of The Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla as Bishop of Cleveland.

RECOGNIZING THE PASSING OF JAMES L. HAIR

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Mr. James L. Hair. Jim Hair was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and faithfully served his country as a civil servant for over 30 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was recognized throughout the Corps for his depth of knowledge of the organization, his caring disposition, and his wise counsel.

During his career he accomplished a number of firsts for the Corps. On the Sam Rayburn/Town Bluff hydropower project, he developed the agreements with the local sponsors whereby the sponsors paid 100 percent of the total project costs up front, the first of its kind in the Corps. After the passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, he worked on one of the first cost sharing agreements with the city of Austin, Texas. He was the first executive assistant in the Southwestern Division of the Corps of Engineers, a very demanding position that provides a valuable liaison between the Corps and this august body. This is a position he retired from in 1989.

There are several members here today who have benefited from his assistance in developing authorization and appropriation legislation for much needed civil works projects and programs throughout our great nation. For his outstanding service, he was recognized with the Superior Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of the Army, and most recently, he was selected to the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees of the Southwestern Division Corps of Engineers. He was the epitome of the invaluable civil servant.

Additionally, he was a pillar of his community; the first mayor of the city of Briar Oaks Texas; Chairman of the Board of Directors for a multimillion-dollar credit union; and an active participant on the board of many other civic and private organizations. He was devoted to his wife, Wanda, his family, the Corps, and his country. He passed away on November 26, 2000, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 68. Jim Hair, a truly great American, will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the nation.

CONGRATULATING NICK ROWE OF MORAVIA, NEW YORK

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Nick Rowe, a star soccer player from the 31st.

On September 12 of this year, Nick, the varsity goalkeeper for the Moravia High School Soccer team, broke a 21-year-old national record for accumulating 1,130 saves. The previous record of 936 saves was set by Brian Siebrasse of Malta, Illinois in 1979—three years before Nick was even born.

Nick was featured in the September 25th edition of Sports Illustrated, and on ESPN in celebration of his record-breaking performance.

So, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to join Nick's family, friends, and teammates in congratulating him on this outstanding achievement. We all wish him well on his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CONGRESSMAN CHARLES CANADY

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize the service and accomplishment of one of our colleagues, Congressman CHARLES CANADY. As the representative for the people of the 12th district of Florida, CHARLES CANADY has made significant contributions to the legislative debate on a number of important issues facing both the state of Florida, as well as the nation as a whole. The people of Florida, and his colleagues in the House, will miss his presence and leadership.

As a result of his service and diligent efforts, Congressman CANADY has been able to achieve significant legislative accomplishments. He introduced and worked to secure passage of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, the first significant reform of lobbying regulations in over a generation. To accomplish this difficult goal, CHARLES took a bipartisan approach and reached across party lines to pass this important legislation without amendments that would have diluted the bill's effectiveness.

Congressman CANADY has also been an active proponent for the freedom of religious expression. To that end, he introduced the Religious Liberty Protection Act, which protects against government encroachment on free religious expression in public places, and that bill was subsequently passed by the House of Representatives.

More recently, I had the pleasure to work with CHARLES and the other members of the Florida Delegation on one of the most significant pieces of environmental legislation this nation has ever passed, the Everglades Restoration bill. As a member of the Florida Delegation, Congressman CANADY can take pride in knowing that his work will contribute to the economic, environmental, and cultural vitality of the state, saving this precious national treasure for generations to come.

We will all miss the contributions and camaraderie CHARLES has shared with us. This will be an exciting time in the lives of the Canady family, as they await the birth of their second child. As a friend and fellow Floridian, I wish CHARLES, his wife Jennifer, his daughter Julie Grace, and the newest addition to the Canady family, the best as they embark upon a new chapter in their lives. I look forward to working with CHARLES in other capacities in the future as he continues his service to the people of Florida.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR GRACE L. DRAKE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Ohio State Senator Grace L. Drake. As senator she held a most distinguished political career, marked by numerous accomplishments and awards. Today, as her 17 years of service to the Ohio State Legislature is coming to a close, I offer my recognition and admiration for her exalted work.

Appointed to the office of State senator in May 1984, Senator Drake was re-elected handily in November of the same year. She has served on numerous committees throughout her tenure. Most recently, she served as chair of the Senate Health Committee since 1989, and as a member of the committees on Rules, Reference, and Ways and Means.

Widely recognized as one of Ohio's outstanding legislators, she has introduced over 146 pieces of legislation, passing over 60 of them. This remains a record unmatched by any current member of the Ohio General Assembly. Recognizing Senator Drake's hard work and dedication to the people of Ohio, Ohio Governors, and Senate Presidents have rewarded her with key State appointments to the powerful State Controlling Board, chairman of the Retirement Study Committee, and the first chairman of the Women's Policy and Research Commission, among numerous others. Senator Drake has also served as chairman of the Senate Economic Development and Small Business Committee, and has used her knowledge of Ohio's economy to hold economic development seminars in Cuyahoga and Medina Counties. Credited with stimulating economic growth in Northeast Ohio, she was recently appointed to serve on the Ohio Development Financing Advisory Council.

Senator Drake has played key roles in forming and building three major statewide organizations, namely, the Ohio Dairy Strategic Planning Task Force, to address the needs of the Ohio Dairy industry; the Ohio Higher Education Business Council, in cooperation with the Ohio Board of Regents and all of Ohio's public and private universities; and the Ohio Farmland Preservation Task Force, which addresses the issues of farmland loss and the need for preservation.

Due to all of Senator Drake's commitment, she has been the recipient of many awards and honors. The United Conservatives of Ohio chose her to receive the Watchdog of the Treasury Award four times, for her commitment to keeping the costs of government down. She has also been awarded three Outstanding Legislator of the Year Awards from

the Ohio Speech and Hearing Association. In 1955, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, the first State senator to be granted this honor. In 1997, Senator Drake received the Ohio State Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award. Most recently, she has been awarded an honorary doctorate in public administration by Cleveland State University and an honorary masters degree in anesthesiology from Case Western Reserve University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in recognizing the dedication and distinguished law-making career of Senator Grace L. Drake. The General Assembly, as well as the people of Ohio, are losing a unique legislator who understood the value of public service. Let us commend her on 17 years as an Ohio State Senator.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOOMING GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize one of the churches in my district. This year Blooming Grove Missionary Baptist Church of McLeansboro, IL celebrates its 150th anniversary. I thought it appropriate to acknowledge the church's rich and colorful past along with the congregation's contribution to society.

After a long petitioning process, Blooming Grove was accepted for membership at the tenth annual meeting of the Franklin United Baptist Association in Johnson City, IL. Today, 150 years later, the church is still going strong. Led by Pastor Bro. Gary Davenport for the past 14 years, Blooming Grove has a regular attendance of 75 dedicated citizens. Throughout the years the church has contributed to local and national charities. In fact, as early as 1907 church records state that Blooming Grove gave \$7.33 to China to help in their suffering. The congregation may have changed in size for the past 150 years, but through it all there has always been a strong church body willing to do all they can to keep the congregation together.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I commend the Blooming Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Due to the perseverance and dedication of the congregation, it is clear that the church is an asset to the community.

HONORING DR. LOU PULLANO,
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of my constituent and friend, Dr. Lou Pullano, Ed.D., of Long Branch, N.J. Lou is retiring from Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, N.J., after 28 years of outstanding service as a professor and administrator.

Lou has made many remarkable contributions to the local and educational communities of Monmouth County over the course of his career. Perhaps his most outstanding achievement and lasting contribution is the creation of the Brookdale College Radio Station, WBJB 90.5 FM. This small station has grown in listenership and is now recognized as a leading model for school-sponsored stations. In fact, I understand it is now broadcasting with National Public Radio.

Lou's career at Brookdale has been varied and far-reaching, thereby accounting for the tremendous love and respect in which he is held by thousands of students, current and former. For many years, he was a faculty member and professor of Communications Media and became director of Arts Communications, which included the departments of Music, Arts, Graphics, Theater and Speech.

In addition, he was more recently named Brookdale Director of Telecommunication Technologies, which includes radio and cable television broadcasts, and in charge of the Performing Arts Center at Brookdale. Now, upon his retirement, he is also in charge of Distance Education Programs.

Lou is among those who have made Brookdale Community College the educational gem that it is among community colleges in New Jersey and across the country.

I know I speak for all the students past and present at Brookdale, as well as the community of Long Branch and the County of Monmouth, when I wish Lou well in his retirement and thank him for his many years of outstanding and dedicated service.

TRIBUTE TO GRACE MCCARTHY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the life and contributions of Grace McCarthy, who passed away just a few days ago at the age of 92.

One of Pacifica, California's most passionate and influential citizens, Grace McCarthy added value and beauty to almost every aspect of civic life in Pacifica and in San Mateo County. Her countless contributions were not made simply from her strong sense of public duty, but from the affection and loyalty she had for the city and citizens of Pacifica.

Mr. Speaker, the phrases "ecologically sound" and "environmental protection" were not as popular thirty years ago as they are today, but Grace did a great deal to give them meaning in Pacifica. Never bending simply because some opinion leaders may have disagreed with her, Grace was a maverick whose steadfast views and boundless energy were key to protecting Pacifica's natural splendor beginning in the 1970's.

Nothing demonstrates this more than Grace McCarthy's appointment to the first Coastal Conservation Commission for Pacifica and to the California State Coastal Commission. During her tenure, Grace fought unpopular battles and was often at odds with fellow commission members, but her views always earned respect because of her unquestioning devotion

to protecting and preserving the coast in and around Pacifica. The Pacifica Tribune commented, "As a member of the Central Coastal Conservation Commission, she catches it from both sides. Free enterprise businessmen and property owners figure she's aligned with those who would 'close' the coast. The environmentalists accuse her of being aligned with the free enterprise business and property owners . . . Fortunately, Mrs. McCarthy is a practical, tough not easily intimidated or discouraged public servant who's doing a hard job well."

Mr. Speaker, Grace's inherent respect for natural beauty existed before she came to reside permanently in Pacifica with her husband and children. Grace and her husband, Carl, met at Yosemite National Park, where, fortuitously, Carl paid a chance visit and Grace was attending a nature convention. Grace and Carl's mutual love for nature augmented Grace's devotion to Pacifica's coast and its evergreens.

Decades before environmental issues were in vogue, Grace McCarthy devotedly and doggedly fought for wilderness parks, open space, riding and hiking trails, and the dedication of parks in new subdivisions. Although she was a fierce, determined and indomitable conservationist, in her public activities and in her private life, she was the epitome of her name—Grace.

Mr. Speaker, all of us who honor Grace McCarthy will look to Pacifica's treetops and coastline and know that much of what we cherish there is ours to enjoy because of Grace's energy, foresight, fierce determination and firm conviction. We will miss her in the fights that lie ahead, but her spirit will continue to inspire and guide our actions.

IN HONOR OF THE NORTH
OLMSTED MUNICIPAL BUS LINE
(NOMBL)

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I honor Ohio's oldest municipally owned bus system, the North Olmsted Municipal Bus Line (NOMBL), which is celebrating 70 years of service to the community of North Olmsted and surrounding suburbs.

NOMBL, located in North Olmsted, serves over one million customers annually, having come a long way since the line's first red and white-painted bus made its first official trip to Cleveland at 5:15 a.m. on March 1, 1931; the first day's revenue was \$24.65.

NOMBL was founded after Southwestern Railway decided to discontinue trolley services for the region. Mayor Charles Seltzer, Clerk Elroy Christman, Solicitor Guy Wheeler and resident John Schindler borrowed money to lease two used buses and drove them to Columbus, Ohio to get the vehicle licenses necessary to operate a bus line. With consistent and continued dedication to service and commitment to excellence, NOMBL buses became a landmark in Cuyahoga County.

Today, the active 40-coach fleet operates seven different routes under a contract with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Operating under this agreement